



**Amended
Minutes of Meeting
CITIZENS' EFFICIENCY COMMISSION
May 11, 2016**

ATTENDANCE

Citizens' Efficiency Commissioners

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Larry Bomke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jackie Newman
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Josh Collins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Robert Plunk
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kevin Dorsey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	J.D. Sudeth
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Karen Hasara	<input type="checkbox"/>	Robert Wesley
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mike Murphy		

Others

Jim Langfelder – Mayor of Springfield
Kenny Winslow – Chief of Police, City of Springfield
Wes Barr – Sangamon County Sheriff

Norm Sims – SSCRPC
Molly Berns – SSCRPC
Gail Weiskopf- SSCRPC

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mike Murphy called the meeting of the Citizens' Efficiency Commission to order.

II. ROLL CALL AND APPROVAL OF ABSENCES

Ms. Molly Berns announced that Mr. Robert Wesley had contacted her and would not be in attendance for the meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Murphy asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the April 13, 2016, regular meeting. Dr. Kevin Dorsey moved to approve the minutes. Hon. Karen Hasara seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

IV. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Murphy announced that Sheriff Wes Barr had a conflict with 3:00 P.M. and the three guests would be joining the meeting at 4:00 P.M.

V. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

- A.** Chair Murphy asks the commissioners for discussion of questions to ask the three guests, with objective of coordinating cooperation between the two parties.

Chair Murphy stated he would like to ask the parties to re-educate the CEC on the following items:

1. what the two departments are currently doing together;
2. other programs that would be beneficial for them to work together;
3. some of the problems from keeping this from being implemented, (how could the CEC help to facilitate them); and
4. long term vision of policing in Sangamon County.

VI. DISCUSSION AND DETERMINATION OF REFERENDUMS (WRITTEN BY AUGUST 9, 2016)



After much discussion, the commissioners agreed to email Andy Van Meter and Brian McFadden with an update on the three non-binding referendums.

The group agrees:

1. tax collector item (very strongly);
2. a question about the nine fire protection pass-through districts' consolidation (fairly strong); and
3. tax assessors' training (needs further discussion).

The group agreed to have the Sangamon County Supervisor of Assessments, Byron Deaner, be a guest speaker at next month's meeting.

DISCUSSION OF TASKFORCE WORK PLANS

A. Regional Leadership Council as Strategic Partner - Higher Ed Institutions as Strategic Partner – Robert Plunk & Jackie Newman

Mr. Robert Plunk reported the RLC mayors met on April 27th, from 5:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. in the County Board Chamber. Mr. Plunk shared the Agenda and meeting packet given to the RLC. Mr. Plunk gave a brief update for each item on the agenda.

B. Sewer Transfer Study – Dr. Kevin Dorsey & Chair Murphy

No report given.

C. Developing Legislative Linkages - Hon. Karen Hasara & Sen. Larry Bomke

Sen. Larry Bomke reported on the meeting with Lobbyist Jack Dorgan in State Representative Tim Butler's office, April 14, 2016. There is an amendment for the Tax Collector; they are currently seeking a bill to attach the amendment. Sen. Bomke stated most amendments at this stage in the legislative process have ended up in rules and are not likely to proceed.

Hon. Karen Hasara reported that the legislators and lobbyist agreed the CEC should start small like with the tax collector issue, because it is an election year and usually the legislature will not deal with more controversial or non-emergency issues.

D. Developing Linkages with Townships - J.D. Sudeth & Chair Murphy

(See VI. DISCUSSION AND DETERMINATION OF REFERENDUMS (WRITTEN BY AUGUST 9, 2016 above)).

E. Developing Linkages with Fire/EMS – Robert Plunk & Robert Wesley

No report given.

F. Create Network of Business Leaders - J.D. Sudeth & Josh Collins

No report given.

G. Regional Policing Study – Hon. Karen Hasara & Sen. Larry Bomke

1. Special Guest:

Jim Langfelder – Mayor of Springfield

Kenny Winslow – Chief of Police, City of Springfield

Wes Barr – Sangamon County Sheriff



Chair Murphy thanked Chief Kenny Winslow for attending the CEC meeting. He explained that the other guests had not arrived yet and he understood that Chief Winslow had an engagement at 5:00 P.M. Chair Murphy asked Chief Winslow if he would mind proceeding with the discussion.

Chair Murphy stated that Chief Winslow was in a couple of the meetings with the first CEC, where the CEC was trying to expand some cooperation between the City and the County. Chair Murphy asked Chief Winslow to review some of the programs that are currently in place where the City and the County are working together.

Chief Winslow said there are currently a lot of things the two departments do together. For example with training, the two departments co-host classes and annually train together. There are several programs that both departments participate in such as the Hostage Negotiation team, the S.W.A.T. team, the Crowd Control team, and Region 6 Alias - Weapons of Mass Destruction team. The Mutual Aid team consists of other local communities and counties as well.

The two departments are working on a county wide Narcan Program. House Bill 001 became effective at the first of the year and requires that every first responder's team would have on hand a supply of Narcan, a drug that neutralizes the effects of a heroin overdose.

The problem with the bill is that there is no way to obtain it as a controlled substance. By doing a county wide program everyone would be using the same program, the same training and the same policy. Public Health and the medical examiner will help in obtaining the drug.

Chief Winslow stated whenever there is a need; the two departments have an open dialogue. Chief Winslow shared several examples of this.

Sheriff Wes Barr stated from the beginning Crime-stoppers has been a joint effort. The City supplies the coordinator and the county supplies the secretarial staff.

The two parties work together at community outreach events. It is an open door policy, where all law enforcement is welcome and it is for our community.

Chair Murphy stated that in meetings with the first CEC there was discussion of additional programs that may be of benefit with the two departments working together, and asked if there are some more programs that the two departments could share. Chair Murphy said the CEC would like to know what they could do to help with anything.

Sheriff Barr noted currently the main priority is calls for service, and if there was more manpower then a drug taskforce could be formed. Both drug units work together. The Sheriff's office is constantly asked for officers to help the U.S. Marshal Service, DEA, Internal Affairs (IA) files and etc.

Chair Murphy noted at one time there was discussion about consolidating of recordkeeping. Chair Murphy asked if this would benefit each of the departments.

Both of the departments use the recordkeeping software which is New World Computer System for their record system that goes directly to the State's Attorney office. They have different reports but they are similar in gathering information. They agreed if improved technology was more affordable then they could be more efficient and have staff available for other tasks. Currently some work is still inputted manually.

One major concern is the demands of FOIA requests. Neither department has control of the overload of requests. Chief Winslow said his records manager did over 2,600 FOIAs last year and 95% of her job is FOIA. Her other duties and workload is dispersed among her subordinates. Because of the overload Chief Winslow is trying to hire a FOIA officer who would do strictly FOIA requests.

Mr. Josh Collins asks about the nature of the main FOIA requests.



Chief Winslow said the City's main FOIA requests range from police reports, criminal histories, files for officers, and video from different entities. A prime example would be "Springfield Exposed" (which is a local website), who just inundates the system. In addition, attorneys and citizens use FOIA to divert the court discovery because they can get the information more quickly. Sheriff Barr said the County received 2,592 FOIAs last year and 1,000 were from "Springfield Exposed". Sheriff Barr explained it started out as a Facebook page when a disgruntled inmate was released. This inmate told the State Journal Register his plan was to harass the Sheriff's office because he felt he was treated unjustly while in custody. Facebook shut the site down, so he created a website. He FOIAs other people's criminal history and posts it on the web. Chief Winslow stated that he has discussed this with his local legislators for help but it is not going anywhere. He stated that FOIA is the one reason that there is hesitation to go to body cameras. The City's contract related to body cameras was written with an out-clause. If the City cannot fund it because of the burden it produces they can cancel the program. The City wants to be transparent to the community and build trust, but if it inundates the workforce it not worth it.

Mr. Collins asks how many hours do FOIA requests take a year.

Chief Winslow explained it is not the FOIA request of the video from the body camera but the time it takes to redact information not covered by FOIA. When the City did the pilot program it is a 2 for 1, it is double the time. Also, more than one officer on a call means a tape for each. Currently the Sheriff's office uses at least 2 full-time employees, 2 part-time employees and a full-time attorney from the State's Attorney office. If the Sheriff's office denies someone, the appeals process is handled by the State's Attorney's office, who wants a copy of everything non-redacted and redacted. Chief Winslow explained the City is different in that it has a couple of light duty officers always working on requests, and a full-time attorney. Chicago's pilot program with body cameras hired 18 people to cover FOIA for one district of about 120,000 people. That is why they have tried to find someone to lobby for a few changes to the law. The Illinois Sheriff's Association has been trying to lobby some bills as well with opposition from the Press Association. Officers also FOIA other officers' Internal Affair files because they want to know what was said in their interview. IA was set up to be confidential. Officers must tell the truth or they will lose their job, which tends to lead personal issues on the streets because an officer may think another officer snitched. This has created a ton of headaches. This confidential file cannot be heard in court but yet it is FOIA-able which defeats the whole IA process and the need for confidentiality.

Mr. Norm Sims asks if there was something that could be in the back office operations to be more efficient. Both Chief Winslow and Sheriff Barr agreed the technology could be streamlined so it is sent from their offices by direct connections to the Circuit Court's office, Circuit Clerk's office and the State's Attorney's office. Sheriff Barr said they are going to a digi-ticket which will go directly to different offices and automatically up-load from the car. Chief Winslow explained they want to go to digi-ticket also but they would like to have digi- crash report. There were a lot of unknowns when Paul Palazzolo first introduced the software, interface fee, annual fee, etc. The CEC could coordinate a police technology committee that would have a work plan for future purchases that might be county-wide. Sheriff Barr stated he was unaware of the City at that time going with a different company, so this would have been useful information.

Currently Sheriff Barr hosts a bi-monthly meeting with all the Chiefs for communities and counties, and the two departments which have officers that specialize in different areas call a meeting monthly to discuss issues happening within boundaries. Communications and resources are kept up with monthly meetings with the FBI and surrounding communities and several other taskforces that both parties participate in.

Chair Murphy asks if they would give thought to his last question, which he wanted to plant a seed in their minds, related to the long-range vision of policing in Sangamon County, like the holes in the donuts, how many different departments there are, and how the small towns are up against their budgets. Chair Murphy asked what some of the things the CEC could start doing to help.

Sheriff Barr said he would sit and down and talk with villages, but he is not out to take anyone's job. Contracting is cheaper. The Macon County Sheriff's office has started contracting with its small villages for more coverage. Chief Winslow stated there is a pride of ownership with the citizens of the City and he is



not sure if there is an appetite for it. In the future he could see the donut holes being consumed by the City as well as taking over policing of parks.

Mayor Jim Langfelder said as far as the holes, annexation is key because the City and the County are covering it. The City will continue to move forward on annexing the unincorporated Springfield areas, so they will be covered by the City and there would be a clear distinction of who provided the protection. Sheriff Barr noted that his officers know that all addresses are in the County so there are no questions. Chief Winslow said it does not matter if brown or blue shows up, if there is a call, they respond.

VII. OTHER SPECIAL REPORTS

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Next Meeting Date – June 1, 2016 in Room 204, Sangamon County (Auditor's Conference Room) 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Mike Murphy asked if there were any public comments. Mr. Norm Sims reported on May 6, 2016, the Central Illinois Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration gave its annual award for outstanding public service, the Rail-Splitter Award to Hon. Karen Hasara.

Norm Sims asked the commissioners to update their contact information on the form that was sent around.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mike Murphy asked if there were any further comments. There being none, he called for a motion to adjourn. Dr. Dorsey motioned to adjourn. Ms. Newman seconded the motion. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Weiskopf
Acting as Recording Secretary